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Informal FBI Request to OTS f	for Psychological Assessment
19 March	CIA officer
Last week the FBI informally, wasked CIA if it could produce a psy reaction of	via working-level liaison channels, schological assessment of the
to assault their hideout.	if police were 25X1
The request was promptly turned down by Deputy Chief of the Office of Technical Services, for two reasons.	

- 1. CIA response would be contrary to strict policy guidance to avoid involvement in domestic and/or criminal matters; and,
- 2. Apart from the above political grounds there are major professional reasons for CIA not to undertake this assessment. Our psychologists and psychiatrists are attuned to an environment which does not involve this type of problem, i.e. the likelihood of violence in response to the threat of violence. Our specialists are concerned with questions of motivation, probable response in the negotiating process and reaction to more subtle pressures. In addition, we are not confident that valid psychological assessments can be made from the limited evidence, consisting of tapes of peoples' voices. The fact that several people are involved further complicates the problem of assessment. Thus, from a purely professional viewpoint CIA does not possess the technical competence to address the problem. The question is really one for the criminal psychologists. Their people are usually on university faculties or in prison work.

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